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REMARKS

1. Fourteen cars with about 800 Soviet girls, 18 to 22 years old, arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 4 September 1951; 15 cars with about 800 girls on 8 September; 14 cars with about 800 girls on 11 September; 14 cars with about 800 girls on 14 September; and 12 cars with about 650 girls approximately 66 percent of whom wore the uniform of the womens auxiliary, on 19 September. The girls then left on regular trains in groups up to 300 and in various directions, chiefly to Erfurt, Dresden, Weimar and Magdeburg. (1)

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2. Troop trains, which passed through the Rathenow railroad station between 9 and 22 September included:

Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
9	11 boxcars and 27 flatcars with troops	Altengrabow	Vogelsang
10	11 boxcars and 27 flatcars with troops	Altengrabow	Vogelsang
11	2 boxcars and 24 flatcars with 4 artillery pieces and caterpillar tractors	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Rathenow
16	10 boxcars and 33 flatcars with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Altengrabow	Dallgow-Doeberitz
16	8 boxcars and 21 flatcars with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Altengrabow	Dallgow-Doeberitz

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16	11 boxcars and 25 flatcars with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Templin	Altengrabow	
17	11 boxcars and 20 flatcars with soldiers and trucks	Neustrelitz	Altengrabow	
22	10 boxcars and 24 flatcars with 13 artillery pieces and trucks	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Altengrabow	
22	8 boxcars and 20 flatcars with soldiers and trucks	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Altengrabow	

3. Troop trains observed at the Erfurt main railroad station included: an eastbound train of 11 boxcars with soldiers, 8 flatcars with an unidentified number of SP guns, and 9 flatcars with motor vehicles, on 20 September; a westbound train of 25 boxcars with soldiers and 11 flatcars with motor vehicles, and another train of 15 boxcars with soldiers and 10 flatcars with motor vehicles, on 21 September. (3)

4. A troop train of 12 boxcars and 20 flatcars, which went from Chemnitz to Koenigsbrueck, was listed in the records of the Chemnitz railroad subdistrict and confirmed by personal observation on 27 September. The train carried AAA Unit with 8 x 25-mm guns, 12 trucks, 1 sedan and 2 field kitchens. (4)

Comments.

(1) Soviet women kept arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany via Frankfurt/Oder since about mid-August 1951. No other figures comparable to those in the present report are available. about 5,000 women were said to have arrived in Frankfurt/Oder up to 15 September, which is considered possible.

(2) The first 5 of the 9 trains were previously reported and are thus confirmed. Of the trains bound for Altengrabow, carried components of the 1st Mecz Div and a unit of the 9th Cds Tank Div. Units of the 9th Cds Tank Div have not been observed at Altengrabow during the summer, but units of the 1st Mecz Div have been continually identified there since June 1951.

(3) The train observed on 20 September carried an element of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Cds Army. the train could have carried a component of the 47th Cds Mecz Div, or a component of the 21st Cds Mecz Div. The latter possibility is the most likely one. If it were confused with the train carried a unit of the Third Cds Mecz Army, or if it were the a unit of the COFC. The latter possibility seems to be more probable.

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25X1 (4) The same train was previously observed and is thus
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